

# SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING INTERNET PROTOCOL ADDRESSES

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5           A method for protecting a host located within a computer network. The  
method includes mapping a public host address for a public host to a secret host  
address for a secret host containing data accessible over the computer network. The  
public host address is available from a domain name system server. The method  
further includes receiving a request for communication with the secret host at the  
10       public host and forwarding the request from the public host to the secret host. The  
request is processed at the secret host which communicates over the network and the  
communication appears to be sent from the public host.